



Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual

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Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) contains our official rates and standards for all domestic mail services. Many commercial mailers find it helpful to reference these standards as they prepare and enter large mailings.

For household mailers looking for information about our retail products and services, we offer *A Customer's Guide to Mailing* in English, Spanish, and Chinese. New business mailers can start with *An Introduction to Mailing for Businesses and Organizations*. It provides an overview of business mail and walks mailers through the decisions they will make when designing a mailing. Both publications are available in many post offices and on our Postal Explorer Web site at pe.usps.com. Postal Explorer also provides helpful search features, mailing tools, and rate calculators to make mailing easy.

Effective Date

This edition includes all revisions since the last printing on January 6, 2005, and the new prices effective January 8, 2006.

Summary of Changes

The DMM is updated monthly on Postal Explorer at pe.usps.com. Revisions are published in the Summary of Changes by effective date and by DMM module. Mailing standards in the DMM are revised by notices in the *Postal Bulletin* or the *Federal Register*.

Availability

Public – The public can access the DMM in PDF and HTML formats on Postal Explorer at pe.usps.com. Annual subscriptions for printed copies are available only through the U.S. Government Printing Office, 202-512-1800.
USPS – Postal employees can access the DMM in PDF and HTML formats on the USPS Web site. Each printed issue is distributed to postal facilities. Offices can order additional copies through the Material Distribution Center using standard ordering procedures.

How to Use This Book

An introduction is located at the beginning of the book. It explains how information is organized around four basic concepts — mailing method, shape of mail, class of mail, and topic — and how each chapter is numbered. Also included is a series of *Quick Service Guides*, two-page overviews of mail classification and preparation.

Comments

Contact your local post office, business mail entry office, or the Pricing and Classification Service Center (PCSC) with comments or questions about our mailing standards (see [608.8.4](#) for addresses and telephone numbers of business mail entry offices and the PCSC).

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